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Candidate-filing deadlines near for May primary election

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale issued a reminder that candidate-filing deadlines for the May 9 primary election are fast approaching.

The deadline for incumbents to file is Feb. 15, and the deadline for non-incumbents is March 1. By statute, an incumbent is anyone who holds any elective office.

"Filings with my office are increasing as we get closer to the deadlines, and hopefully they are on the county level as well," Gale said. "Primary elections give voters choices, and that strengthens the interest of our citizens in the process."

On the federal level, the May ballot will include a Senate seat and three seats for the House of Representatives.

State races being contested include governor, attorney general, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, Legislature, Board of Education, University of Nebraska Board of Regents and Public Service Commission.

On the local level, races on the ballot include county board seats and other county offices.